

CLAIMS

Exchange of notes at Constantinople December 24, 1923

Confirmed by agreement of February 17, 1927¹

Entered into force August 15, 1933

Replaced by agreement of October 25, 1934,² as supplemented and modified

1923 For. Rel. (II) 1190

*The American High Commissioner to the Delegate
of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

[TRANSLATION]

CONSTANTINOPLE, *December 24, 1923*

EXCELLENCY: Pursuant to the discussions which have been held at Constantinople since October 10, 1923, in conformity with the letters exchanged at Lausanne August 6, 1923, with a view to reserving for a subsequent discussion the question of the reciprocal claims of the nationals of the United States and of Turkey, I have the honor to inform you that I am authorized by my Government to convey to Your Excellency the following:

My Government is in accord with the Government of the Turkish Republic for the designation of two representatives as members of a committee which will meet at Constantinople six months after the exchange of the ratifications of the treaty signed at Lausanne August 6, 1923,³ concerning the general relations between the United States and Turkey. This committee will proceed, with a view to determining the solutions which should be given them, to the examination of the claims presented by either Government within a period of six months from its constitution. The dossiers of the claims must contain the documents establishing the nature, the origin, and the justification of each claim.

Documents not accompanying the claims presented within the period of six months provided for in the preceding paragraph and relating to the said

¹ *Post*, p. 1109.

² EAS 73, *post*, p. 1129.

³ Unperfected; for text, see 1923 For. Rel. (II) 1153.

claims must be communicated to the committee at the latest within a period of one year from its constitution.

I shall be grateful if Your Excellency will be so good as to convey to me the confirmation of this arrangement.

Accept [etc.]

MARK L. BRISTOL

*The Delegate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the American
High Commissioner*

[TRANSLATION]

CONSTANTINOPLE, *December 24, 1923*

EXCELLENCY: I have had the honor to receive the note which Your Excellency was good enough to send me December 24th, 1923, concerning the question of the reciprocal claims of the nationals of Turkey and of the United States, a question which was reserved for a subsequent discussion by virtue of the letters exchanged at Lausanne August 6th, 1923.

I am authorized by my Government to inform Your Excellency that it is in accord with the Government of the United States for the designation for its part of two representatives as members of a committee which will meet at Constantinople six months after the exchange of the ratifications of the treaty signed at Lausanne August 6, 1923, concerning the general relations between Turkey and the United States. This committee will proceed with a view to determining the solutions which should be given them, to the examination of the claims presented by either government within a period of six months from its constitution. The dossiers of the claims must contain the documents establishing the nature, the origin, and the justification of each claim.

Documents not accompanying the claims presented within the period of six months provided for in the preceding paragraph and relating to the said claims must be communicated to the committee at the latest within a period of one year from its constitution.

Accept [etc.]

DR. ADNAN